



Board of Professional Engineering

Office of Professional Regulation, Vermont Secretary of State

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Unapproved Minutes Thursday, November 1, 2018

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:33 a.m.

Members present: Brad Aldrich, P.E., Chair; Claus Bartenstein, P.E., Vice-Chair; Nathan Mascolino, P.E.; and Scott Sabol P.E. Absent: Raymond Forsell, P.E., Secretary and Bonnie Giuliani.

OPR Personnel present: Gabriel Gilman, General Counsel and Kara Shangraw, Licensing Administrator I.

2. The Chair called for the approval of the minutes from the October 4th meeting. Mr. Bartenstein made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sabol, to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2018 meeting as submitted. Motion passed.

3. **Disciplinary Matters:**

4. **Application Review:**

Mr. Sabol, made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bartenstein, to approve the following applicant(s) for licensure on the basis of endorsement from another state and/or their National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying Record indicating "Model Law Engineer." Motion passed unanimously.

Gingras, Travis (Civil)
McFall, Russell (Civil)
Turner, Joe (Civil)
Battle, Gretchen (Electrical)
Cala, Arian (Electrical)
Radziszewski, Edward (Electrical)
Schober, Gregory (Mechanical)
Arthur, Paul (Structural II)
Volpe, Brian (Structural II)

Marshall, Kenneth (**Structural I not Civil**)
Orsi, Allen (Civil)
Wright, Lee (**Structural I not Civil**)
Booth, Robert (Electrical)
Costa, Steven (Electrical)
Tanner, Rowdy (Electrical)
Sullivan, Michael (Mechanical)
Marcus, Roger (Structural II)

Bozzo, Eric (Civil) – The Board determined, on the basis of the application papers only, that his application was incomplete. Mr. Bozzo will be notified.

Sparrow, Geoffrey (Mechanical) – The Board determined, on the basis of the application papers only, that his application was incomplete. Mr. Sparrow will be notified.

Mr. Sabol, made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bartenstein, to approve the following application(s) to sit for the Principals and Practice exam. Motion passed unanimously.

Gay, Dara (Civil)

5. Topics for Discussion:

6. Administrative Updates:

7. Other Business:

The Board discussed with Attorney Gilman the guidance documents for use of titles for retired Professional Engineers and consideration of a Master's degree towards progressive engineering experience. Based on the discussion, Mr. Sabol made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bartenstein, to approve the two documents. Motion passed unanimously. See the attached documents.

8. Correspondence:

9. Public Comment:

10. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kara Shangraw
Licensing Administrator I

Next Scheduled Meeting – Thursday, December 6, 2018. Please check the office [website](#) for updates

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Guidance Document: Consideration of a Master's Degree in Engineering as Progressive Engineering Experience

The Board interprets 26 V.S.A. § 1182a(b)(1)(C) in a manner consistent with NCEES Model Rule 230.20(A)(3):

A graduate degree that is used to satisfy education requirements cannot be applied for experience credit toward licensure. To be eligible for experience credit, graduate degrees shall be relevant to the applicant's area of professional practice. Experience credit for a graduate degree cannot be earned concurrently with work experience credit.

For all applicants, a minimum of four calendar years must pass between completion of an engineering bachelor's degree and eligibility to sit for the Principles & Practice Examination.

Resolution of November 1, 2018:

The Board recommends that the Office of Professional Regulation pursue legislative amendment of § 1182a(b)(2)(A) as follows:

(2) Individuals with a master's degree in engineering. A professional engineering license shall be issued to a person who:

(A) satisfactorily completes a bachelor's ~~level-curriculum~~ degree in a technical field found by the Board to be substantially related to engineering and a master's level-degree in engineering curriculum issued by an institution with an ABET-accredited baccalaureate engineering program ~~accredited by ABET.~~

This amendment would improve fairness and consistency for applicants with baccalaureate degrees in engineering technology. ABET accredits few master's programs, but the presence of an ABET-accredited baccalaureate program is a reliable indicator of acceptable quality within an institution's master's program. This amendment is consistent with the policies and practices of NCEES.